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# Praxis Care's Research Programme: *connecting research to practice*

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# This presentation will....

- Provide an introduction to Praxis Care's research department;
- Describe how we identify what to research;
- Provide a description of the key components of our research programme, with some examples;
- Explain how we are now working to move *research into practice*;
- Provide links to some useful resources

# Praxis Care

## Connecting Research to Practice



### 1997-2001

9 x Reports/Evaluations

#### Praxis Care

commended for "showing how they measure social and environmental impact through their in-house Research Department"

Health & Social Care Enterprise of the Year Awards (2016)

#### Co-researchers

are paid, trained employees who add value to the research through their lived experiences of having accessed health and social care services

### 2017-2021

2017: Department begins to hire co-researchers

2018: Joint appointment of Praxis Professor of Social Care with Queen's University of Belfast

2019: Begin to fund Ph.D. projects

2021: Online Introduction to Research Course delivered for People with Lived Experience

3 x Reports/Evaluations  
8 x Conferences  
5 x Articles/Reviews  
14 x Evidence Reviews

### 2007-2011

2011: Helped develop third sector Research Network in Northern Ireland

14 x Reports/Evaluations  
3 x Conferences  
4 x Articles/Reviews

### 1984-1996

1984: Praxis Care founded, including Research Department

8 x Reports/Evaluations

\*statistics from 1984-1992 are unavailable

### 2002-2006

2006: Research Praxis Care Board Subcommittee established

5 x Reports/Evaluations  
1 x Conference

### 2012-2016

9 x Reports/Evaluations  
1 x Conference  
1 x Article

For more information about research at Praxis Care, visit [www.praxiscare.org](http://www.praxiscare.org).

# Our Research Programme

## Knowledge Dissemination To Knowledge Mobilisation

Praxis Care aims to make services and interventions as engaging, supportive and effective as possible by routinely bringing the most relevant and up to date research evidence into service improvement and new service design activity.



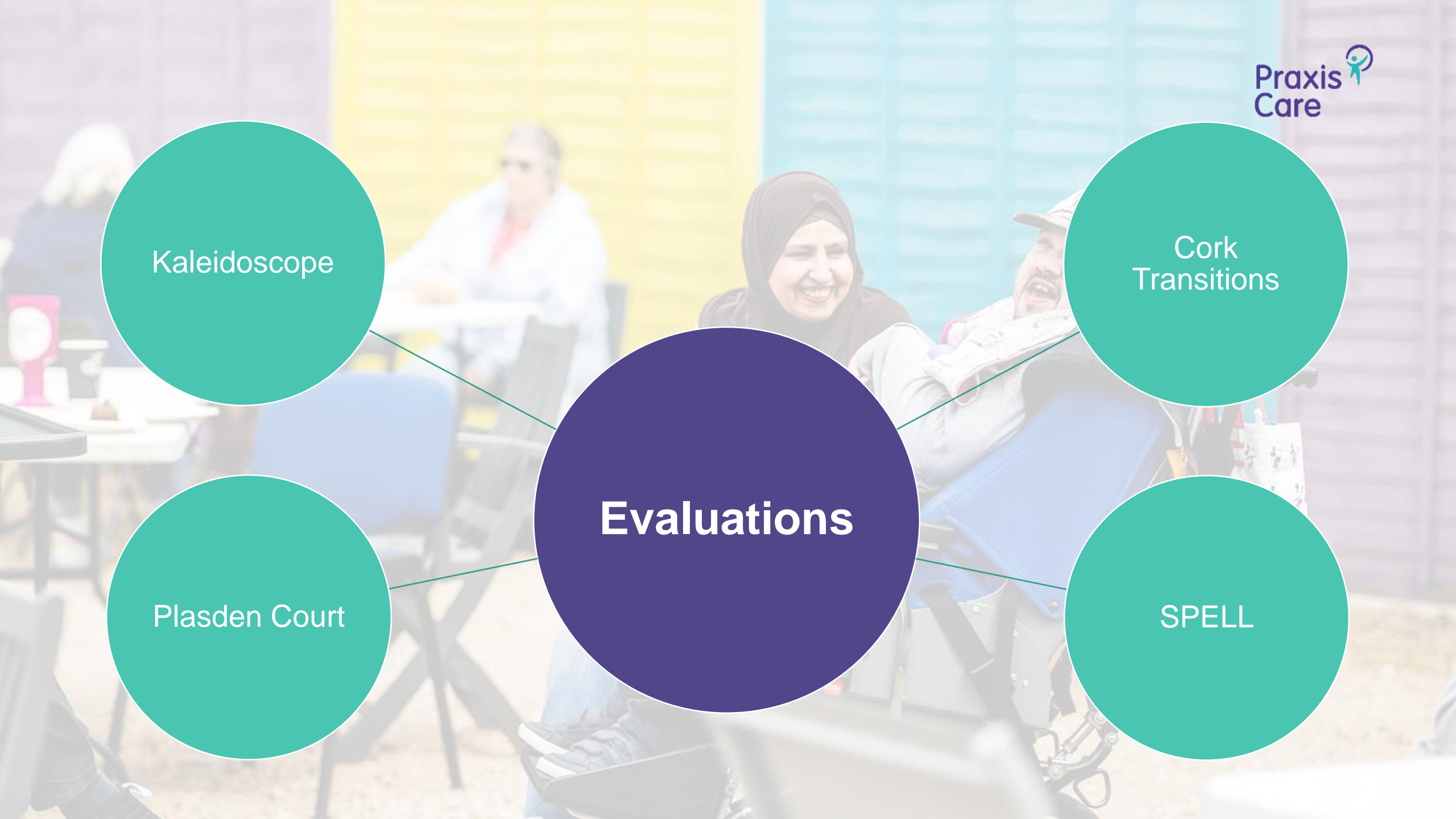
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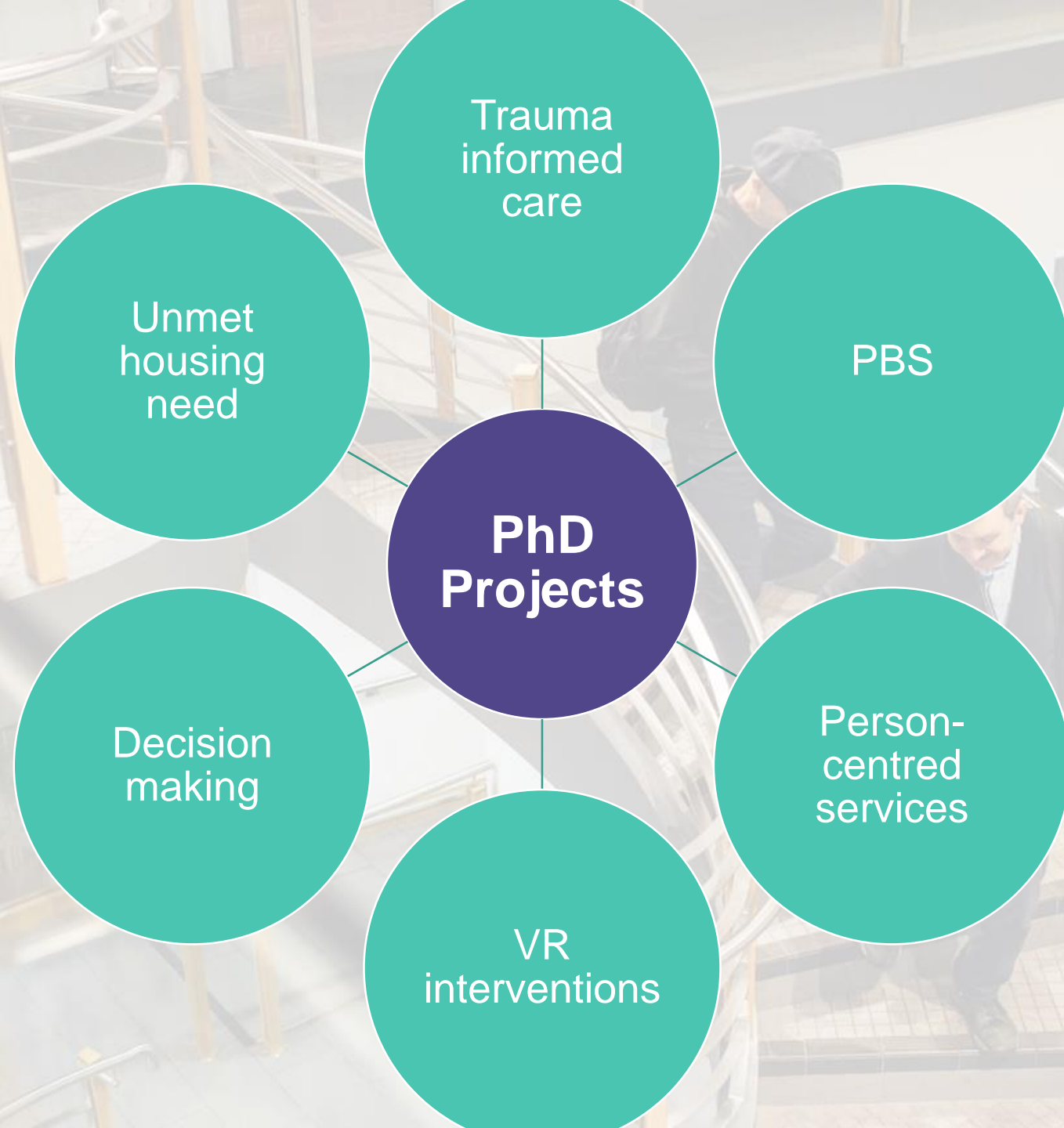
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# Business Research: Social Value

## The National TOMs Framework



Developed by Social Value Portal in collaboration with 40 public, private and third sector organisations, and endorsed by the Local Government Association.

### One social value measurement & reporting standard

- A consistent measurement solution that **creates a level playing field for businesses**
- Designed to **embed social value into procurement** or measurement activities
- Allows **benchmarking** and **comparability**
- Gives practical ways of **creating more social value** for communities
- Themes of **visionary** social value creation

**5** **T**hemes

**20** **O**utcomes

**40** **M**easures



Jobs



Growth



Social



Environment



Innovation

Endorsed by



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# Business Research: Social Value


## Social Value Group


MEASURING WHAT MATTERS


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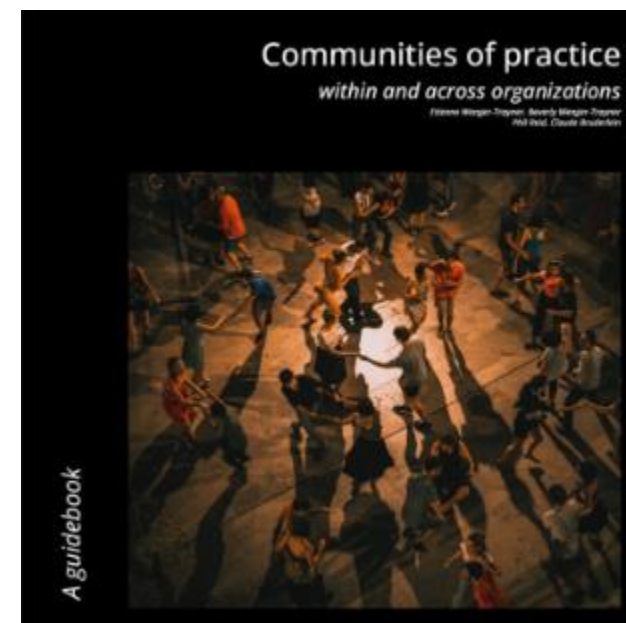
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<https://www.wenger-trayner.com/introduction-to-communities-of-practice/>

Social Value Group   Community Charter	
 Why we care about this topic:	<b>Our purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our community welcomes people who have an interest in social value.</li> <li>Our vision is to develop the qualities, skills and behaviours we need in order to collect data which is useful to our organisation and to the needs of commissioners.</li> <li>The Social Value Group tries to foster a community of learning and participation where, regardless of experience, members are free to share their insights.</li> </ul>
	<b>Our chosen domain</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definitions of social value, relevant social value frameworks, commissioner's requirements, the social value process.</li> </ul>

 What you can expect as a member	<b>Membership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our community is open to anyone to join, regardless of location, level of experience or seniority.</li> <li>Our community is open to stakeholders who may include people who we support and family members.</li> </ul>
	<b>Guiding principles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All ideas are welcome.</li> <li>Active participation is a requirement.</li> <li>We promote a culture of trust, respect, collaboration, reciprocity, sharing, listening, open and honest discussion.</li> <li>We are a community of equals.</li> <li>We work co-productively.</li> </ul>

 How we will make a difference together	<b>Objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To collect relevant data which captures the work our schemes do and which meets the requirements of commissioners.</li> <li>To develop a social value strategy.</li> <li>To develop social value policies</li> <li>To drive improvements in terms of the identification of social value outcomes and measurement throughout the organisation.</li> <li>Act as the 'go to' place for colleagues and other stakeholders who would like to learn about social value and how to apply it to practice.</li> <li>Encourage members to bring specific problems for the community to solve.</li> <li>Foster knowledge exchange inside and outside of the organisation.</li> </ul>
	<b>Activities and events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We try to meet each month and encourage our members to take part in a range of activities including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates on progress.</li> <li>Demos of how the SV Frameworks operate.</li> <li>Internal and external speakers.</li> <li>...and we are always open to other ideas!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



Further info: *An introduction to social value: what it is, why it matters and next steps*





Physical design of supported accommodation for people with mental health problems and intellectual disabilities: a scoping review

A Johnston, G Davidson, P Webb, N McCartan, K McAllister, R Broughton, ...  
Architecture Media Politics Society Proceedings Series

**Further info:** *Research Summaries 2017 – 2023 (forthcoming)*

# Co-Production Initiatives: *our work with peer/co-researchers*

*For further info, see: Working with people who become peer workers: reflections on our work with peer/co-researchers*



# Research into Practice Group

## RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE GROUP

### ROADMAP FOR MOVING RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE



#### STAGE 1 - Convene Implementation Group

- Group recruitment based on co-production ethos.
- Draft Terms of Reference.
- Draft & Action Communication Plan.

#### STAGE 2 – Design Evaluation Approach

- Agree upon an evaluation model / methodology (e.g. Kirkpatrick-Barr six levels Model).
- Design a baseline measurement tool/template.
- Design Evaluation Measurement Tools Re: ongoing formative assessment of progress via Support Group outputs.
- Design a summative assessment of impact template.

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## Research into Practice Group Terms of Reference

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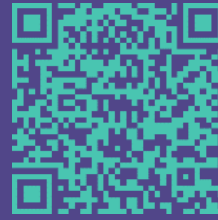
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# Resources



Praxis Care website  
[praxiscare.org](https://praxiscare.org)



Research Bibliography  
[praxiscare.org/research-introduction/research-bibliography/](https://praxiscare.org/research-introduction/research-bibliography/)



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**Thank you**